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There is no relationship between the move to admit women into membership of the National Press Club and any financial problems the National Press Club may have had, as NEWSWEEK implied (THE MEDIA, Oct. 12).

The National Press Club voted last year to raise the dues of all resident members by \$60 a year thus eliminating the deficit exceeding \$100,000. Preliminary figures show that the club is actually in the black in 1970. At no time during the evolution of the current question was any consideration given to any financial assets the Women's National Press Club may have.

We are for women because women now are just as much a part of the news profession as men are. If the National Press Club is to remain truly the National Press Club, its membership should be open to women.

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